

In the Claims

1-45 (canceled).

46 (currently amended). A method for treating a fibrotic disease comprising administering to a patient ~~in need thereof an effective amount~~ having a fibrotic disease a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and:

- 1) ~~a polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of:~~
 - a) ~~SEQ ID NO: 2, 5, 7 or 10;~~
 - b) ~~SEQ ID NO: 3, 6, 8 or 11;~~
 - e) ~~a polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 or 11; and~~
 - d) ~~a polypeptide that has at least 90% identity to a polypeptide of (a) to (c) and inhibits TNF-related apoptosis-inducing ligand/Apo2 ligand (TRAIL),~~wherein said fibrotic disease is lung fibrosis or liver fibrosis.

47 (currently amended). The method according to claim 46, wherein the fibrotic disease is ~~a connective tissue disease, lung fibrosis or liver fibrosis.~~

48 (previously presented). The method according to claim 46, wherein the polypeptide is glycosylated at one or more sites.

49 (currently amended). The method according to claim 46, wherein the polypeptide comprising SEQ ID NO: 2 ~~or SEQ ID NO: 3~~ is a fusion protein.

50 (currently amended). The method according to claim 49, wherein the fusion protein comprises an immunoglobulin Fc region fused to SEQ ID NO: 2 ~~or SEQ ID NO: 3~~.

51-54 (canceled).

55 (previously presented). The method according to claim 46, wherein the polypeptide consists of SEQ ID NO: 2.

56 (canceled).

57 (previously presented). The method according to claim 46, wherein the composition further comprises an interferon.

58 (previously presented). The method according to claim 57, wherein the interferon is interferon- β .

59 (currently amended). The method according to claim 46, wherein a composition comprising an interferon is administered to said patient simultaneously, sequentially, or separately with a composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and SEQ ID NO: 2.

60 (new). The method according to claim 46, wherein said fibrotic disease is liver fibrosis.